lower level, as a result of which many of the lands are not properly irrigated. The old sized pipes may again be replaced, so that it may not be in any way inconvenient to the agriculturists.

Second Member of Council.—It is true there is some inconvenience. The Chief Engineer has promised to investigate the matter and to issue necessary instructions for using suitable pipes.

Mr. Linge Gowda.—The present state of affairs is very unsatisfactory owing to big pipes being discontinued. Only the rich are being benefited now. The low and high lands should be taken into consideration. Orders may issue early for using big pipes.

Second Member of Council.—The Superintending Engineer has seen the channel. He will see what size of pipes are necessary. Water will have to be given according to levels. As soon as December is over, the work will be taken in hand.

SUBJECT No. 275.

Allowing passengers to the Mysore Railway platform half-an-hour before the departure of the train and also providing a separate gate for female passengers.

Mr. S.A. Javaraiya, Seringpatam Taluk.

Mr. Purushottam Anandagiri Gosayee.—Passengers are put to great difficulty on account of their not being allowed to the platform in time for taking trains. During Dasara and other festival seasons, people flock to Mysore in large numbers and on their way back to their respective places, much inconvenience is felt on account of tickets being issued very late. Sometimes it so happens that people will have to wait for 2 or 3 days to get their tickets. If necessary, platform tickets may be introduced as is the custom in some big stations.

Mr. Krishna Sastry.—Platform ticket is unnecessary. The system which is now in vogue at Bangalore platform may be introduced here as well. After purchasing tickets here, we will have to wait outside the platform for a considerable time and then passengers are let in after checking the tickets at the gate and again in the train. This system is very inconvenient. This method of checking the tickets twice may be discontinued and passengers allowed to the platform immediately they purchase tickets.

Second Member of Council.—The platform accommodation is very limited and passengers who arrive at Mysore must be allowed time to leave the platform before outgoing passengers are admitted to it. There is no room at present for separate Departure and Arrival Platforms.

Mr. Karnick Krishna Murti Rao.— During Dasara and other festival days, passengers are treated worse than cattle, sometimes they are even thrashed by the police constables. This should be stopped at once.

Second Member of Council.—During times of heavy traffic, waggons are used for carrying passengers to minimise the inconvenience and to provide accommodation to as many people as possible. The same thing is done in Bombay and Calcutta elsewhere. I have seen how passengers were conveyed in goods trains during the Allahabad Mela. The gates are open 5 or 10 minutes before the train time. The Railway Secretary has promised to enquire into the whole question.

Mr. Banumiah.—There should be two different gates, one for male passengers and the other for female passengers. There are three gates now in the Mysore Station of which one could be conveniently utilised for female passengers.

Second Member of Council.—We shall, as far as possible, create facilities for passengers. The Secretary for Railways is now in Mysore and you can represent your case to him personally and, I am sure, he will redress your grievances. Whatever improvements are possible will be made during the next year.

Mr. Setwaji Rao.—Many a time, passengers do not possess change. They purchase a ticket and when a rupee or note is presented, the Booking Clerk does not return proper balance. Passengers, in order to catch the train, rush away without even noticing what amount the clerk has given. This should be discontinued.

Dewan.—The matter will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 276.

Amalgamation of the City Improvement Trust Board and the City Municipal Board and increasing the Government grant in respect of the former.

Messrs. Madappa, Setwaji Rao, Settappa Siddappa and Dharma Prakasa Banumaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Mr. Purushottam Anandagiri Gosayee.—I have seen the Municipality and the Trust Board at Poona. Both are combined there. But in the Municipality at Mysore, there may be 30 members of which two may be from the Trust Board. The Municipality sells the property of the Trust Board without the latter knowing it and *vice versa*. Generally, the resolutions of the Trust Board will be sent to the Municipality. Sometimes it so happens that the action that has been taken in the Municipality will not be communicated to the Trust Board. This practice may be discontinued by amalgamating the two Boards. Besides, the expenditure also will be greatly reduced.